

Table 23 A. Food Security by Social Characteristics: Households with Ability to Afford Balanced Meals, No Skipped Meals, Not Eating Less, and Not Skipping Food for Day: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Afford balanced meals	No skipped meals	Not eating less	Not skipping food for day
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	90.3	95.6	95.4	98.8
Age of householder					
15 to 29	12,686	87.5	93.8	93.4	98.4
30 to 44	34,628	88.9	94.0	93.8	98.3
45 to 64	33,549	90.6	96.3	96.0	99.0
65 or older	21,788	93.7	98.1	98.2	99.6
Sex of householder					
Male	56,448	92.3	96.9	96.6	99.2
Female	46,204	87.8	94.0	94.0	98.4
Race of householder					
White	86,272	91.8	96.3	96.1	99.0
Black	12,474	81.3	91.4	90.9	97.6
Other	3,906	85.4	94.2	94.1	98.2
Ethnicity of householder					
Hispanic	8,794	79.0	91.8	91.2	97.3
White non-Hispanic	78,219	93.1	96.7	96.6	99.2
Household structure					
Non-family alone	28,005	89.6	94.7	95.0	98.6
Non-family with others	3,647	89.5	95.1	94.9	98.3
Married, no children	27,345	95.5	99.0	98.8	99.8
Married with children	26,955	91.9	96.5	96.0	99.3
Unmarried, no children	5,804	88.4	95.7	95.4	98.9
Unmarried with children	10,896	76.6	87.3	86.7	96.0
Householder disability					
Disabled	9,720	73.4	86.2	85.1	95.7
Not disabled	92,932	92.1	96.6	96.5	99.1
Health insurance coverage					
Not insured	20,451	80.1	90.7	89.9	97.2
Insured	82,201	92.8	96.8	96.8	99.2
Housing tenure					
Home owner	68,632	94.0	97.8	97.6	99.5
Renter	34,020	82.8	91.3	91.0	97.4

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